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SUBJECT: SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN WORLD SPEED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

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LOCAL PRESS CARRIED ON FEB 14 DPA REPORT THAT SOVIET UNION HAD REACHED DECISION TO PARTICIPATE AFTER ALL IN WORLD SPEED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS TO BE HELD IN BERLIN MARCH 6-7. STATEMENT MADE TO THIS EFFECT BY GENERAL SECRETARY OF INTERNATIONAL SPEED SKATING UNION (HAESLER) IN INNSBRUCK WAS SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED BY PRESIDENT OF GERMAN SPEED SKATING FEDERATION (DEREGOSKI), WHO DECLARED THAT HE HAD IN HAND SOVIET UNION'S "FIRM ACCEPTANCE." REPRESENTATIVE OF EAST GERMAN SKATING ASSOCIATION WOULD NOT OFFICIALLY CONFIRM HAESLER'S FURTHER STATEMENT THAT GDR WOULD ALSO PARTICIPATE, BUT HE PROFESSED TO SEE NO REASONS AGAINST THIS. GEORGE

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